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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Philippines* and Colombia**: draft resolution

Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/128 of 19 December 1994 on the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, 1/ and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council decision 1994/227 of 14 July 1994, by which the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the Population Commission, including discussion of the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/55 of 28 July 1995 on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, by which the Council

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1/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1.

endorsed the terms of reference proposed by the Commission on Population and Development in its report on its twenty-eighth session, 2/ which reflect the comprehensive and integrated nature of population and development,

Recalling also the decision entitled "Demographic trends and sustainability" taken by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its third session, 3/ in which the Commission recognized that chapter 5 of Agenda 21 4/ and chapter III of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development reinforce one another and together form a comprehensive and compelling up-to-date account of what needs to be done about the interface between population, environment and sustainable development,

Acknowledging fully the integrated approach taken during the International Conference on Population and Development, which recognizes the interrelationship between population, sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/128 on the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, 5/

Reaffirming the importance of the principles and concepts set out in the Rio Declaration and Agenda 21 for the purpose of implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Noting with satisfaction the contribution that the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development has made to the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women, and expressing its belief in the contribution that the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development will make to the forthcoming second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and in the elaboration of an agenda for development, in particular with regard to the call for a greater investment in people,

1. Notes the action taken so far by Governments and the international community to implement the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and encourages them to strengthen their efforts in that regard;

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 7 (E/1995/27), annex I.

3/ Ibid., 1995, Supplement No. 12 (E/1995/32), chap. III, para. 21.

4/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (Vol. I and Vol. I/Corr.1, Vol. II, Vol. III and Vol. III/Corr.1)) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

5/ A/50/190.

2. Reiterates its commitment to the full implementation of the Programme of Action and reaffirms that Governments should continue to commit themselves at the highest political level to achieving its goals and objectives, which reflect a new integrated approach to population and development, and to take a lead role in coordinating the implementation as well as monitoring and evaluating the follow-up actions;

3. Reaffirms that the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action is the sovereign right of every country, in accordance with its national laws and development priorities, with full respect for the various religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its peoples and in conformity with universally recognized international human rights;

4. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/128 and of the proposals contained therein; 5/

5. Welcomes the following proposals made by the United Nations Population Fund in the above-mentioned report:

(a) To replace the Fund's biennial report to the Commission on Population and Development on multilateral population assistance by an annual report on the amount of financial resources allocated for the implementation of the Programme of Action at the national and international levels. Such reports would provide information on the allocation of domestic resources for population and development programmes, the amount of international assistance in the field of population and development and an assessment of the country-specific needs in terms of financial assistance;

(b) To further refine and improve, where necessary, the current system devoted to monitoring the amount of international assistance for programmes dealing with population and development so as to render it more accurate;

6. Decides that the composition of the Commission on Population and Development be reviewed with the aim of increasing its membership to 53, in order to ensure that it fulfil its functions as reflected in its updated and enhanced mandate, taking into account the integrated multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach of the Programme of Action and the membership of the other functional commissions of the Council;

7. Takes further note of the report of the Secretary-General on monitoring world population trends and policies, 6/ and of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on monitoring multilateral population assistance; 7/

8. Recognizes that the establishment of a separate executive board of the United Nations Population Fund is dealt with in the context of the review of

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7/ E/CN.9/1995/4.

implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, taking into account the role of the Fund in the follow-up to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

9. Renews its call to all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other major groups concerned with population and development issues, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians and other community leaders, to continue to give the widest possible dissemination to the Programme of Action, including the use of electronic data networks, to seek public support for its goals, objectives and actions, and to maintain and enhance partnership between Governments and non-governmental organizations so as to ensure their continued contributions and cooperation concerning all aspects of population and development;

10. Urges Governments that have not yet done so to establish appropriate national follow-up mechanisms, in partnership with non-governmental organizations, community groups and representatives of the media and the academic community, and to seek the support of parliamentarians, so as to ensure the full implementation of the Programme of Action;

11. Reaffirms that the follow-up to the Conference, at all levels, should fully take into account that the factors of population, health, education, poverty, patterns of production and consumption, empowerment of women and the environment are closely interconnected and should be considered through an integrated approach;

12. Urges all countries to consider their current spending priorities with a view to making additional contributions for the implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the provisions of chapters XIII and XIV thereof and the economic constraints faced by developing countries, and reaffirms that international cooperation in the field of population and development is essential for the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Conference. In that context, the international community is called upon to continue to provide, both bilaterally and multilaterally, adequate and substantial support and assistance for population and development activities, including through the United Nations Population Fund and other organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies that will be involved in the implementation, at all levels, of the Programme of Action;

13. Reiterates the importance of South/South cooperation for the successful implementation of the Programme of Action and urges donor countries and institutions to lend their support for such cooperation;

14. Reaffirms that the effective implementation of the Programme of Action will require an increased commitment of financial resources, both domestically and externally, and calls upon the developed countries to complement the national financial efforts of developing countries on population and development and intensify their efforts to transfer new and additional resources to the developing countries, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action, in order to ensure that population and development objectives and goals are met;

15. Urges the international community to promote a supportive international economic environment by adopting favourable macroeconomic policies for promoting sustained economic growth and sustainable development, so as to allow and sustain the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action by the developing countries;

16. Reiterates the importance of the early identification and allocation of financial resources by all members of the international community, including regional financial institutions, to enable and support the fulfilment of commitments with regard to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

17. Invites the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate resources are provided for the Conference follow-up activities to be carried out by the Secretariat during 1996;

18. Invites the regional commissions, other regional and subregional organizations and the development banks to continue to examine and analyse the results of implementation of the Programme of Action at the regional level under their respective mandates;

19. Welcomes the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Implementation of the Programme of Action, chaired by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, and stresses the importance of continued and enhanced cooperation and coordination by all relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

20. Emphasizes the need to maintain the momentum of the follow-up activities relating to the Conference and the Programme of Action so as to utilize, to the fullest extent possible, existing capacity within the United Nations system in the area of population and development, including the Commission on Population and Development, the Population Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the Secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund, other organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies whose continued support and commitment are required for the successful implementation of the full range of activities outlined in the Programme of Action, and invites them to work closely in the preparation of reports for the Commission on Population and Development;

21. Requests the specialized agencies and all related organizations of the United Nations system to continue to take appropriate measures to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the specific needs of developing countries, and welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General to report through the Commission on Population and Development to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1996 on the work of the Inter-Agency Task Force, for coordination purposes, and to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, for policy implications;

22. Requests the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To discuss the relevant matters concerning harmonization, cooperation and collaboration within the United Nations system regarding the implementation of the Programme of Action;

(b) To discuss, as appropriate, the reports submitted by the different bodies and organs on various matters related to the Programme of Action;

(c) To discuss the proposed report on the work of the Inter-Agency Task Force;

23. Calls upon the funds and programmes of the United Nations system and the regional commissions and funds to continue to provide their full and active support to the implementation of the Programme of Action, particularly at the field level, through the United Nations resident coordinator system and invites the relevant specialized agencies to do the same;

24. Requests the Secretary-General to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution;

25. Decides to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session, within existing clusters, an item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development".

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Philippines*: draft resolution

Preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 49/135 of 19 December 1994,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1994/34 of 29 July 1994 and 1995/63 of 28 July 1995,

Gravely concerned that malaria causes the death of four million people annually, that hundreds of millions of cases of malaria are reported annually and that infants and children under five years of age are the major victims,

Alarmed by the loss of human life, the severe degradation of the quality of life and the fact that the social and economic development of developing countries is impeded as a result of malaria, and despite the development of new vaccines,

Reaffirming the agreed conclusions of the coordination segment of the substantive session of 1993 of the Economic and Social Council on the coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and

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intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera, 1/

Acknowledging the importance for countries where malaria is endemic of adopting national plans of action in conformity with the Global Malaria Control Strategy, endorsed by the Ministerial Conference on Malaria held at Amsterdam in 1992 and by the World Health Assembly in 1993, 2/

1. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa; 3/

2. Reaffirms its endorsement of the Global Malaria Control Strategy of the World Health Organization;

3. Expresses its appreciation of the efforts of the World Health Organization and the specialized agencies concerned in assisting the developing countries in their efforts to combat endemic diseases;

4. Notes with appreciation the continued efforts of the affected countries to control the disease, in spite of their meagre resources, through national plans and projects and urges the affected countries that have not yet done so to adopt national plans to control malaria in conformity with the Global Malaria Control Strategy of the World Health Organization;

5. Stresses the need for strengthening national capacity-building in the context of primary health care so as to enable developing countries to meet the objectives of the Global Malaria Control Strategy, with a view to contributing to the development of overall health;

6. Endorses the strategies and workplans that have been developed as a collaborative process involving relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, with the World Health Organization as task coordinator, to provide optimal support to affected developing countries in order to achieve the goals and objectives pertaining to the prevention and control of malaria and diarrhoeal diseases;

7. Calls upon the international community, in particular the donor countries, to expand fund-raising channels, to provide adequate financial resources and medical and technical assistance to the affected developing countries to enable them to implement their national workplans and projects, and to intensify basic and applied research on anti-malaria vaccines as a priority;

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/48/3/Rev.1), chap. III, sect. B.

2/ World Health Organization, A Global Strategy for Malaria Control (Geneva, 1993).

3/ A/50/180-E/1995/63.

8. Encourages the Director-General of the World Health Organization to continue his efforts to mobilize international organizations, multilateral financial institutions, specialized agencies, organs and programmes of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations as well as other groups to provide the affected developing countries, in particular African countries, with technical, medical and financial resources and assistance commensurate with the need set out in the national plans of those countries to control malaria;

9. Welcomes the proposal of the Secretary-General related to the struggle against malaria in Africa, contained in his "Initiatives for Africa";

10. Welcomes with satisfaction the agreement signed between Dr. Manuel Elkin Patarroyo of Colombia and the World Health Organization, in May 1995, by which Dr. Patarroyo donated to the World Health Organization the SPf66 anti-malaria vaccine, which constitutes an example of solidarity and effective South-South cooperation for development, and supports the request of the World Health Organization for the provision of additional resources for malaria research under the United Nations Development Programme/World Bank/World Health Organization Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases in order to accomplish its goal of developing an effective vaccine for the control of malaria;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a progress report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the strategies and workplans to be prepared in collaboration with the other relevant organs, organizations, bodies and programmes of the United Nations system.

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RENEWAL OF THE DIALOGUE ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Philippines* and Colombia**: draft resolution

Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/165 of 21 December 1993 and 49/95 of 19 December 1994 on renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the Secretary-General to encourage a constructive dialogue for enhancing development and to facilitate actions in that regard,

Noting also the ongoing work of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly on an Agenda for Development,

Recognizing that the continued trend towards deepening interdependence among countries and the increasing globalization of economic issues and problems

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present risks and uncertainties as well as opportunities and challenges for the dialogue on international economic cooperation,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership; 1/

2. Reaffirms that the dialogue should be conducted in response to the imperatives of mutual interests and benefits, genuine interdependence, shared responsibility and the partnership for achieving sustained economic growth and sustainable development as well as improving the international economic environment that is conducive to such development, and that the United Nations should reinforce its activities in order to facilitate such a dialogue;

3. Stresses the need to put development at the centre of United Nations activities, and that the United Nations has a central role to play in promoting international economic cooperation for development and in bringing development issues to the attention of the international community;

4. Recognizes that the ongoing discussions in the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on an Agenda for Development and its outcome provide the opportunity to strengthen the constructive dialogue with a view to creating a genuine partnership on development issues and revitalizing international economic cooperation for development;

5. Decides to conduct, for a period of two days in the early part of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, a high-level dialogue on the social and economic impacts of globalization and interdependence on the developing countries and their policy implications, and requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with relevant organizations and development actors, to make preparations for such a dialogue and to include new information technology and the global economy in the dialogue under this theme;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, for consideration and action, recommendations on a multi-year thematic programme for future dialogue;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to elaborate his proposals to convene special sessions of the General Assembly and summit-level meetings of a representative character, on major issues relevant to the dialogue on international economic cooperation for development, including those identified in the agenda for development;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership".

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INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING THE CONVENING OF A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Philippines*: draft resolution

International migration and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, in particular, chapter X on international migration, 1/

Recalling the relevant provisions contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development* and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development 2/ and in the Beijing Platform for Action, 3/

Recalling also its resolution 49/127 of 19 December 1994 and Economic and Social Council decision 1995/313 of 27 July 1995,

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1/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1, chap. I, sect. I.

2/ A/CONF.166/9, chap. I, sect. I.

3/ A/CONF.177/20, chap. I, sect. I.

Recognizing the importance from an analytical and operational point of view of identifying the existing linkages among the social, economic, political and cultural factors related to international migration and development, and of taking appropriate steps to intensify the analysis of issues involved,

Recognizing also the important role of the United Nations Population Fund as the lead agency of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Implementation of the Programme of Action,

Recalling that the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council should carry out their respective responsibilities, as entrusted to them in the Charter of the United Nations, in the formulation of policies and the provision of guidance to and coordination of United Nations activities in the field of population and development,

Recalling also, that the Economic and Social Council, in the context of its role under the Charter vis-à-vis the General Assembly and in accordance with its resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991, 46/235 of 13 April 1992 and 48/162 of 20 December 1994, should assist the General Assembly in promoting an integrated approach to the implementation of the Programme of Action in providing system-wide coordination and guidance in monitoring the implementation,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development, 4/ including the comments of Governments regarding the objectives and modalities for the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development;

2. Urges member countries and the United Nations system to strengthen international cooperation in the area of international migration and development in order to address the root causes of migration, especially those related to poverty, and to maximize the benefits of international migration to those concerned and increase the likelihood that international migration has positive consequences for the sustainable development of both sending and receiving countries;

3. Calls upon the international community, in the fulfilment of the commitments made on international cooperation for development, to seek to make the option of remaining in one's country viable for all people. To that end, efforts to achieve sustainable economic and social development, ensuring a better economic balance between developed and developing countries, should be strengthened;

4. Invites the Commission on Population and Development to consider, in 1997, in the context of the follow-up to the Programme of Action, in particular chapter X, the interrelationship between international migration and development, including aspects related to the objectives and modalities for the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development;

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5. Calls upon all relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations to address the issue of international migration and development, and invites them to submit their views to the Secretary-General;

6. Invites the Economic and Social Council to consider at its organizational session in 1997 including "International migration and development" as a theme in the context of its agenda for 1997;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to designate, within existing resources, a clearly identifiable, qualified and competent focal point within the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the Secretariat, and to prepare, following consultations with the International Organization for Migration and the International Labour Organization and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system and after soliciting the additional views of Governments, a report to be presented to it at its fifty-second session containing concrete proposals on ways and means to address, from cross-sectoral, interregional, regional and subregional points of view, the issue of international migration and development, including aspects related to objectives and modalities for the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session an item entitled "International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development".

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Bangladesh, Cuba, Egypt,* Malaysia: draft resolution

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/49 of 28 July 1995,

Reaffirming the principle of the permanent sovereignty of people under foreign occupation over their national resources,

Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, affirming the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, and recalling Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 497 (1981) of 17 December 1981,

Recalling Security Council resolution 465 (1980) of 1 March 1980 and other resolutions affirming the applicabilit of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, 1/ to the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967,

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* In its capacity as Chairman of the Group of Arab States for the month of November.

1/ United Nations Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

Recalling also Security Council resolution 904 (1994) of 18 March 1994, in which, among other things, the Council called upon Israel, the occupying Power, to continue to take and implement measures, including, inter alia, confiscation of arms, with the aim of preventing illegal acts of violence by Israeli settlers, and called for measures to be taken to guarantee the safety and protection of the Palestinian civilians in the occupied territory,

Aware of the negative and grave economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan,

Welcoming the ongoing Middle East peace process started at Madrid, in particular the two implementation agreements embodied in the Agreement on the Gaza Strip and Jericho Area, 2/ of 4 May 1994, and the interim agreement on the West Bank and Gaza Strip of 28 September 1995,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 3/

2. Reaffirms that Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied since 1967 are illegal and an obstacle to economic and social development;

3. Recognizes the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan;

4. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and the population of the occupied Syrian Golan to their natural and all other economic resources, and regards any infringement thereupon as illegal;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

2/ A/49/180-S/1994/727, annex.

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Philippines*: draft resolution

Communication for development

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system", 1/ and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on that report, 2/

Noting the need for the improvement of development communication within the United Nations system to ensure effective inter-agency coordination and cooperation,

Recognizing the pivotal role of communication in the successful implementation of development programmes within the United Nations system and in the improvement of the interaction among actors in development, namely, the organizations, agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, Governments and non-governmental organizations,

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1/ A/50/126-E/1995/20, annex.

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Recognizing also the crucial role of the regional commissions in the process of developing communication as an important tool for the development of developing countries,

Recognizing further the need for transparent and system-wide communication coordination within the United Nations system in order to improve the planning, formulation and execution of development programmes to benefit the international community, in particular the developing countries,

Aware of the need to intensify the efforts aimed at further reducing administrative and other related costs in various activities of organizations, agencies, funds and programmes within the United Nations system without adversely affecting the overall effectiveness of programme delivery as regards development programmes of the United Nations system as a development partner in the development of the developing countries,

Noting that the Joint Inspection Unit will be preparing a separate study entitled "A review of telecommunications and related information technologies in the United Nations system",

1. Takes note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system", 1/ and of the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on that report; 2/

2. Recognizes the important role of development communication in enhancing the transparency of system-wide coordination within the United Nations system as a development partner for the development of the developing countries;

3. Also recognizes the need to intensify work on development communication with a view to facilitating inter-agency cooperation and maximizing the impact of the development programmes of the entities concerned;

4. Further recognizes the role of effective communication in disseminating the outcome and follow-up of major United Nations conferences and in ensuring the effective flow of such information to various non-governmental organizations, including grass-roots-level organizations;

5. Regards the informal mechanism of the round-table conferences, which brings together communication experts for development and representatives of the entities of the United Nations including the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, as creating an appropriate forum for continuing to explore the appropriate use of communication in enhancing the role of the United Nations system as a development partner and, in this regard, also encourages, as appropriate, involvement of the various organizations, including the regional commissions;

6. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit to include development communication requirements of developing countries in its study entitled "A review of telecommunications and related information technologies in the United Nations system";

7. Emphasizes the need for the organization, agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system to develop a systematic approach to capacity-building in development communication, particularly with respect to training of fieldworkers and development workers and technicians as well as communication planners and specialists, especially in the developing countries;

8. Invites organizations, agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system as well as Governments and the regional commissions to identify focal points for the purpose of facilitating dialogue and exchange of information on development communication so as to strengthen coordination and international cooperation in this area;

9. Calls upon the donor community to provide adequate resources to support and expand development communication activities, particularly development communication initiatives for developing countries and, in this regard, also encourages the use of appropriate funding modalities and mechanisms within the context of international cooperation;

10. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in accordance with this agency's mandate in the field of communication, to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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MACROECONOMIC POLICY QUESTIONS: FINANCING OF DEVELOPMENT

Philippines*: draft resolution

Sources for the financing of development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling its resolution 45/234 of 21 December 1990, on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries and other resolutions in the field of international economic cooperation,

Recalling also its resolution 48/187 of 21 December 1993, particularly as it relates to the decision to continue to explore the issue of the financing of development and its potential funding sources,

Affirming that official development assistance remains crucial and a major source of external financing for many developing countries and thus is an

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integral part of international cooperation on concrete issues in the economic, environmental and social fields to support plans and priorities of developing countries in achieving sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

Recalling the commitments made by the developed countries in various international conferences and summits held during the 1990s to provide adequate, predictable, new and additional financial resources for the sustained economic growth and sustainable development of developing countries,

Noting that the peace dividend has not materialized in the form of additional financial flows to developing countries, and expressing the need for the reallocation by developed countries of resources freed from military purposes arising from the end of the Cold War towards productive development purposes in support of existing international commitments for development,

Noting also the report of the Secretary General on the financing of development, 1/

1. Affirms the urgent need to reverse the persistent decline in overall flow of official development assistance and to provide new and additional resources for financing the development of developing countries, including poverty eradication, so as to achieve a higher quality of life for all;

2. Calls upon the developed countries to fulfil fully by the year 2000 the internationally agreed target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product for official development assistance and the target of 0.15 per cent of the donor countries' gross national product in favour of the least developed countries;

3. Stresses the need for the international community, particularly the developed countries, to fulfil the commitments contained in the financial recommendations of Agenda 21 2/ in providing adequate, predictable, new and additional financial resources, so that the efforts of developing countries are not severely constrained in implementing the recommendations of Agenda 21 and in order not to undermine the basis of the global partnership for sustainable development;

4. Stresses also that the international community, in particular the developed countries, must honour the financial commitments undertaken in the context of the International Conference on Population and Development and other international conferences in the recent past in order to strengthen the basis for a global partnership for sustainable development;

1/ A/50/397.

2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (Vol. I and Vol. I/Corr.1, Vol. II, Vol. III and Vol. III/Corr.1)) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

5. Calls for complete fulfilment of the commitments under the International Development Association tenth replenishment and to accelerate the negotiations for its eleventh replenishment at a significantly higher level in real terms in view of the growing development needs of developing countries, including those arising from commitments made by the international community at the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen to eradicate poverty as an ethical, political, economic and social imperative;

6. Calls also for a substantial augmentation of the resources of the International Monetary Fund so as to enable it to fulfil its functions better in the face of new challenges in a world of growing globalization and interdependence and to enable the Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility to become a permanent window;

7. Stresses the necessity for the international community, especially the developed countries, to create a favourable international environment to reduce volatility in private capital flows to developing countries and to enhance their growth-promoting role through, inter alia, the expansion of productive capacities in developing countries, to support their efforts to achieve sustained economic growth and sustainable development;

8. Calls for the replenishment of and a substantial increment in the resources of regional development banks in order to enhance their role in the promotion of the economic and social development of their respective regions;

9. Stresses further the need to improve market access and terms of trade of developing countries so as to enable them to realize additional resources and support their efforts in achieving sustained economic growth and sustainable development;

10. Urges the developed countries to provide adequate support for expanding the resource base for operational activities of the United Nations system so as to ensure that the United Nations becomes a credible and effective partner in development whose activities are clearly oriented towards development and so as to provide an effective development perspective to other areas of United Nations activity;

11. Invites the developed countries to examine the possibility of utilizing resources released as a result of the end of the Cold War and the decline of military expenditures in support of the efforts of developing countries to achieve sustained economic growth and sustainable development;

12. Further invites the developed countries to explore the possibilities of reallocating resources from their subsidies, particularly those to agricultural production, to augment the sources of financing the development of developing countries and to support international commitments for development;

13. Underscores the need to explore other additional and innovative sources of the financing of development of developing countries, with a view to identifying support measures for the enormous requirements of developing countries for the financing of development;

14. Decides to convene in 1998 an international conference on the financing of development, at the highest possible level of participation, to take stock of the implementation of internationally agreed commitments and recommendations relating to the financing of development and of follow-ups to various international conferences and summits held since 1990, which, among other things, called for adequate, predictable, new and additional financial resources, so that developing countries might be provided with adequate support to achieve sustained economic growth and sustainable development;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution and the preparations required for the convening of an international conference on the financing of development.